

# IRDR ICoE REaL (Risk Education and Learning) October, 2019



Agile, multi-scalar,  
cross-disciplinary  
partnership collectively  
committed to advance  
disaster risk  
scholarship for Africa.  
(est. 2006)

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# ICoE REaL highlights (May – September, 2019)

1 219 students registered in 28 DR-related academic progs and modules across Africa (includes 462 women)

296 pgrad DR research projects (incl. 26 at PhD level)

New DR curricula poised for introduction

- PhD in Disaster Risk Science (BDU, Ethiopia)
- MPhil Disaster Risk Reduction Science (U. Ghana)

# On Understanding Risk

Expanding collaboration on **food and livelihood research with WFP** (Ethiopia (BDU), Madagascar (Tanà), Tanzania (ARU) and Uganda (Makerere)),

Pilot studies through adapted version of WFP's **Three-Pronged Approach (3PA)** to assess vuln. & resilience in urban, displaced and refugee settings.

Three integrated disaster risk context reports in **flood-prone sites in Uganda, South Africa and Mozambique for FbF project**, FATHUM(Makerere, SU, Technical University of Mozambique).

# Convened Annual Periperi U Consultative meeting Antananarivo, Madagascar (30 July – 2 August),

Hosted by University of Antananarivo, with an explicit focus on **Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience & Sustainable Development**, and foregrounding African research to advance understanding risk.



**Planning for Africa Risk Methods School (ARMS) II: Focus on Geophysical & Hydrological Urban Risks, Hazards & Vulnerabilities.** Jointly convened by **UNESCO & Periperi U.** BDU to host (28 October – 1 November, 2019. Ethiopia).



# On Strengthening Risk Governance

WB project on 'Strengthening the DRR Coordination Planning and Policy Advisory Capacity of the Southern African Development Community' (ICoE REaL Members - ARU, SU, Tanà, UDM).

WB 'Disaster Risk Finance Capacity Building Program for Africa' project in collaboration with SU, Stellenbosch University Business School and Tanà.

For senior officials from African Ministries of Finance. Convened in Stellenbosch, South Africa from 2-6 September, 2019.

...WB project for **11 Central African Member States**. Involves **ICoE REaL mbr UBuea**, Institut. de Recherches pour le Developpement (IRD) in France, Le Centre de Recherche et de Formation en Eco-éthologie (CERFE) and the IFRC.

(To build knowledge on hazards, vulnerabilities / risks in Central Africa, reinforcing regional and national capacities on DRR and CCA).

Preparatory planning with **UNDP on an ECOWAS-based project “Strengthening capacities for DRR & adaptation for resilience in the Sahel Region: fostering risk-informed solutions for sustainable development”** (2019-21), along with ECOWAS, the AUC and UNISDR.

## To Conclude:

### Persisting challenges with funding continuity

Despite these achievements, a highly favourable ICoE REaL evaluation and untiring efforts to secure continuation funding, the SU-based secretariat has been unable to raise follow-on funding for the consortium, post-November 2019.

Projected costs for continued transformative pan-African DR research and capacity building are USD 1.3 million annually.